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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

Andrew D. SUTTON, et al.

Serial No.: 09/382,561

Filing Date: August 25, 1999

For: **SPRAY-DRIED MICROPARTICLES  
AND THEIR USE AS THERAPEUTIC  
VEHICLES**

Examiner: R. D. Lovering

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 12, 2001 (Paper No. 15) for which a response was due on January 12, 2002, and for which a three month extension of time is requested, extending the time for response from January 12, 2002 to April 12, 2002.